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In The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system of distributing electronic content comprising:

a network operations center forming a composite broadcast signal having digital electronic content during a vertical blanking interval of a primary channel signal;

a content delivery system receiving said composite broadcast signal from said network operations center and broadcasting said composite broadcast signal;

a base station receiving said composite broadcast signal grabbing frames from the composite broadcast signal and forming a wireless local area network, said base station rebroadcasting at least a portion of said composite signal as a rebroadcast signal using said wireless local network; and

a plurality of user appliance appliances positioned with said local area network and receiving said rebroadcast signal.

2. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 further comprising a television coupled to said base station, said television receiving at least a portion of said composite broadcast signal.

3. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2 wherein said base station couples said primary channel to said television.

4. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base station forms said rebroadcast signal from said digital electronic content.

5. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said electronic content comprises digital audio signals.

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6. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said electronic content comprises video.

7. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said content delivery system comprises high altitude device.

8. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said high altitude device comprises a satellite.

9. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said high altitude device comprises a stratospheric platform.

10. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base station comprises an integrated receiver decoder.

11. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said digital electronic content is compressed.

12. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said content delivery system comprises a cable network.

13. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said content delivery system comprises a fiber optic network.

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14. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing electronic content comprising the steps of:

uplinking a primary channel signal having a digital electronic content during a vertical blanking interval of the primary channel signal to a high altitude device;

receiving the primary channel signal having a digital electronic content during a vertical blanking interval from the high altitude device;

grabbing frames of the primary channel signal to recover the electronic content;

over-the-air broadcasting the digital electronic content through a wireless local network; and

receiving the electronic content packages through a plurality of user appliance appliances.

15. (Original) A method as recited in claim 14 wherein the step of receiving over-the-air broadcasting comprises over-the-air broadcasting from a base station.

16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 14 wherein the step of receiving over-the-air broadcasting comprises over-the-air broadcasting from a base station within a building.

17. (Original) A method as recited in claim 14 further comprising the step of coupling the primary channel to a television.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing electronic content comprising the steps of:

digitally compressing the electronic content into a digital video stream;

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broadcasting a television signal having a vertical blanking interval;
broadcasting the digital video stream within the vertical blanking interval;
receiving the digital video stream using frame grabbing software;
rebroadcasting the digital video stream using a wireless local area network.

19. (Original) A method as recited in claim 18 further comprising the steps of coupling the television signal to a television.

20. (Original) A method as recited in claim 18 further comprising the steps of receiving the electronic content in user appliance.

21. (Original) A method as recited in claim 20 wherein the step of receiving comprises the steps of digitally decompressing the digital video stream, and displaying the video stream.

22. (Original) A method as recited in claim 20 wherein the step of receiving comprises grabbing a vertical blanking interval frame.